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SUBJECT: LABOR RESOLVES TO CONTEST EC DIRECT ELECTIONS

REF: LONDON 1537

1. THE LABOR PARTY'S NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NEC)
APRIL 26 RESOLVED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER IT WOULD
OFFICIALLY CONTEST THE EC ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS BY VOTING
17 TO NIL TO APPROVE LABOR'S PARTICIPATION IF, AS
EXPECTED, THE DIRECT ELECTIONS BILL IS PASSED BY
PARLIAMENT. FIVE PRO-EC MEMBERS OF THE NEC ABSTAINED
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ON THE FINAL VOTE BECAUSE THE STATEMENT CONTAINED A
PHRASE ALLEGING THAT THERE IS A "MOUNTING FEELING OF
DISSATISFACTION" WITH THE EC IN THE PARTY.

2. COMMENT: SINCE LAST YEAR'S LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE
THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE DOUBT THAT LABOR WOULD ULTIMATELY
DECIDE TO CONTEST THE ELECTIONS. BUT THERE WAS SOME

QUESTION AS TO HOW THE NEC WOULD GET THE PARTY OFF THE
HOOK CREATED BY VARIOUS EARLIER ANTI-EC RESOLUTIONS.
IN THE EVENT THE DECISION WAS TAKEN WITHOUT OPPOSITION,
INDICATING A CONSIDERABLE SOFTENING OF ATTITUDES ON THE
PART OF SEVERAL NEC MEMBERS. THE FIVE ABSTENTIONS CAME
FROM THE STRONGEST PRO-EUROPEANS -- SHIRLEY WILLIAMS,
FRED MULLEY, JOHN CARTWRIGHT, TOM BRADLEY AND UNION
REPRESENTATIVE ALAN HADDEN -- AND WAS AN ENTIRELY
RITUALISTIC PROTEST ABOUT THE LANGUAGE USED IN THE
STATEMENT. AND WHILE WE WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE
IS STILL STRONG RESIDUAL HOSTILITY TOWARD THE EC IN
THE LABOR PARTY, WE BELIEVE ITS INTENSITY IS DECLINING
STEADILY. BREWSTER

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